THESE STATEMENTS WERE WRITTEN BY MY OLDEST SISTER, LOUISE, AS MEMORY PROMPTS. MOM CORRECTED, REDACTED AND ADDED INFORMATION

ELKO

Incidents Remembered:

Mom 5 Alvin 8 - Alvin stole a pig for a pet.
Al never got spanked until he was "older"
They rented a house on 5th & Ash
In 1926 they built a living room and front bedroom onto 369Ash St. house and put in electricity. Also bought the sofa that opens into a bed. At the housewarming, grammys family brought household goods for them.

Al, Edie and I were in the yard '~~stringing~~ broomsticks'. Al got rough and broke Edies front tooth. She never had it fixed until after college.

Family dances were attended at Moose Hall when she was 13 & 14.

Grampy had laid down a strict curfew. One night ~~Al~~ had a flat tire on his pick-up. ~~He got home 5 minutes late.~~ Grampy was so mad he "smacked him all around the room".
Our biological father went to school with Alvin and was his friend. (Possibly the same age?) He was a mechanic and the leader of his own band. He played steel guitar, banjo and saxophone. Moms quote 'charming but not trustworthy'.

Alice had a bad left eye. Had to have a prosthesis after college.
(*Mom - please identify, if you can, the reason for the bad eye*)
Also had a 'Rheumatic Heart'. (Heart damaged because of Rheumatic Fever.)

(*Identify relatives here and show pictures)*

Her favorite dress was green & white with green fringe on the bottom. A 'Flapper Dress'.
(*Find a flapper dress picture, color it green and white)*
She went to the University of Vermont and to the University of Reno. Her major was Education but when she went on to teach, she did not like it at all. So she quit, ran a bakery in Elko for awhile and became a secretary. In Vermont she met Grampys relatives.
(*Identify relatives here)*
Grammys hair was very curly. She had to keep it slicked back to keep from being associated with [redacted]. (*Show young picture of her here with Alvin sitting prim and proper)*
Grandaddy had a very negative view of women drivers. He never would let Grammy drive. He barely let Alice learn to drive. One day a drunk Indian hit her and she never drove after that. Mom learned how to drive after she married Webb by friends. Her lessons were in the fields and ditches of Elko. Grampy found out one day when she picked up Webb from work. He had been working for Grampy for awhile,

Mom loved drama. "She walked off with the lead in Pirout and Pirouette." She wore a tu-tu and white tights. Grammy didn't like the costume at all. She won all the ~~play~~ contest. Her theater director was Theodore Lively. He also taught Wilma typing in High School. Mom Dropped out of school in her Junior year.

and dance

The last Pythian Sister party was when Mom was 12. Grampy was president for awhile. (Louise and Wilma remember singing a duet at the piano with Edie accompanying them. Wilma sang the lead and Louise 'harmonized'. Afterward, everyone complimented them so much and said how great they did and good they sang together.)

Relatives:

Grandaddy Landon had red hair and played the pump organ. Can remember his deep strong voice singing and playing 'Whispering Hope'. He was a much loved man.

This musical ability was picked up and carried on by Howard Batchelder who sang for the Reno Opera Company. He was Big Uncle Franks grandson. Grammys brother was 'Big' Uncle Frank. His Daughter Ruth gave birth to Howard (Butch). [redacted] - family, his mother - MOM requests that you do not print this / not me

SAN FRANCISCO

Mom and Dad Schultz moved to Oakland where they both obtained work as welders in a shipyard. Louise remembers a white stucco house in Oakland with a big tree that was cut down on Cooley Ave. She even remembered the address at one time and went by the house in her teenage years. It looked just as it was when she had lived in it. She and Wilma also remember playing on stairs in an apartment that had no center sections. They were 'scary'. — S.F. VISIT LATER —

[redacted] SHE WAS CLASSIFIED AS ESSENTIAL TO THE WAR EFFORT" [redacted] Then she took a job as a Security Guard at a warehouse and was issued a gun to carry. WORKED FOR THE U.S. ARMY GUARDING WAR SUPPLIES WAITING TO BE SHIPPED TO WAR ZONES IN THE PACIFIC She remembers that Grammy Sciatica acted up and she wanted a Leave of Absence. They refused her request and she quit. She went home to care for Grammy [redacted] — out of Context —

When the Passenger Aide positions opened with Southern Pacific (there were 13 openings), she applied and was accepted. She thinks her military security clearance was part of the reason. This was 1942. She worked as a Passenger Aide until 1945 when all the Aides were laid off. The two routes she was assigned to were Oakland to Portland and back and Oakland to Ogden and back. (Louise and Wilma remember the Oakland to Ogden routes well. On occassion, they were allowed to ride the train and remember the black smoke and the tunnels in the Sierra Mountains. Also remember being driven down to the train to see her for five minutes while they stopped to pick up passengers.) [redacted] Sierra Nevada

Things she liked best:

She liked the comradery of all the people. Many trains were packed and people sat in aisles. Her favorite passengers were ~~little~~ English ~~girls~~. They were 'so sweet' trying to learn how to WAR BRIDES

walk in the spiked heels they had bought in New York.

She had to pull extra duty when the War Brides came home: [redacted]. War brides are from England, France, Australia and few Italian brides. Sometimes Military Hospital cars were part of my train with war wounded Americans, being moved to other hospitals.

Prisoners on the train:
At one time they were transporting Japanese prisoners to Washington, DC and there were 30 guards on the train with them. Many times they took German and Italian prosoners to prison in Ogden where they put them to work in work camps.

Hardest things she endured:
The Army Nurses that were wounded. One nurse had physicological damage. She just sat and cried. [redacted]. When they got to Sparks where the Physiciatric Hospital was, [redacted]. a military ambulance met this young woman and the army nurse who accompanied her. In transferring her suitcase to the ambulance it was accidentally dropped on the tracks with a loud crack - This sound set the mentally damage nurse into a frenzy - she had seen too much of war and seemed to be "shell shocked"! The Brides sometimes witnessed this among our service men on leave, to varying degrees. *

Note about Grampys youth:
He milked cows in the East. He took his bike and violin and moved to Kansas at one point. "Women held the purse strings and would not help his mother (Agnes Cox)". This was his mothers Sisters Matilda and May where they had to live after his mother and fathers divorce. They probably made him work hard because he was not their own son.

Japanese Prisoners of War on board were small in stature, sullen by nature, rode in railroad cars of their own, guarded by many American Guards at both ends of their car.

Italian Prisoners of war were sunny by nature, sang a lot and were happy to be out of the war. They too were guarded carefully.

German Prisoners were tightly controlled, more heavily guarded, and our train crew

were not allowed in their car at all.
[redacted] took their food to them from the
dining car. They had total charge of them.

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